

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an obvious example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, not their own. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what's good for the entire community. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive, balanced news about issues that concern the community at large - not any one particular voting block or political party.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Sinclair's actions are an outrage! This is not the function of a media organization in a legitimate democracy. Thank you.